"Sunset Shuffle"

This was a debut one-shot I made for Comic Flapper magazine's Anniversary. It can be considered a prototype of Yuuyake RocPen . To have received this publication, I didn't feel any happiness, sadness or shame, just a flood of random emotions. I don't think I can even look back at the manuscript for it now. But that manuscript is a profound memorial of mine. It was a few years ago, and the manga that I drew was not very good at all. I was just mass producing bad storyboards at the time, and I did not know myself what I wanted to draw. Luckily I had the previous teacher of my assistant and my senpais to take a look at them for me (I was really grateful to them for that)
This work is the result of those "I'll draw what I want to draw!" days. Thanks to this, I was able to get another debut work and a serialization. It was truly a turning point for me.
Even though it's a really amateur product, I wish you will enjoy seeing their happy life (?) together. Thank you.

I'm leaving, Shin-chan.
ぷう
もぐ
もぐ
もぐ
もぐ
もぐ
Ugh... kuh....
Ka...

I'm off, see you later!!
バン

Eh...
That was the 5th time.
Why did I do that?
S-
success.
I'm fine!!
Are you bleeding any-where!?
I-I'm fine...
Mahiru-chan, are you alright!?
.....
201
Scribble
Scribble
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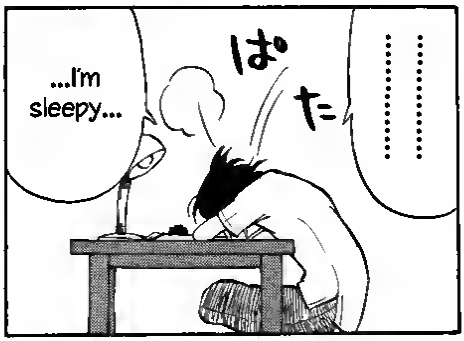
This might be too late.
The character still feels weak even this far into the plot.
Eeeeeeh...
Youchi... are you really...
Quitting basket-ball?!


...I'm sleepy...
ぱたっ
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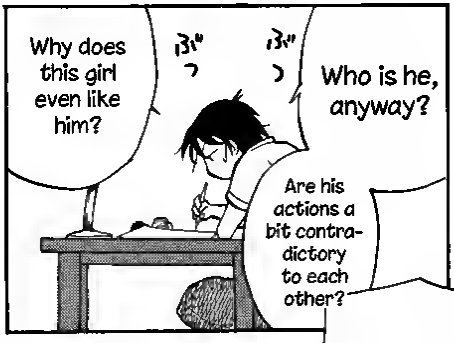
Why does this girl even like him?
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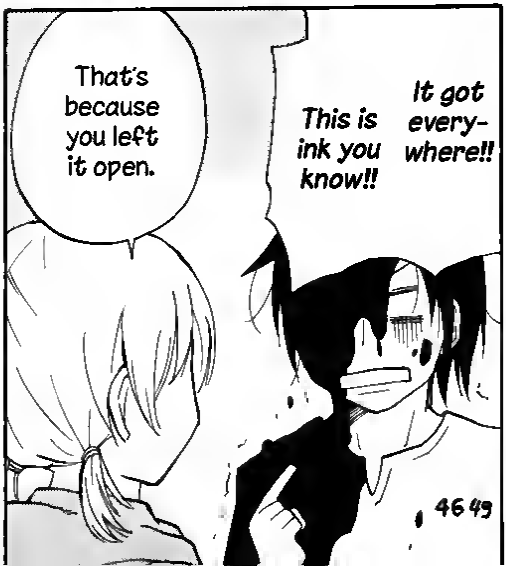
ぶぶっ
Who is he, anyway?
Are his actions a bit contra-dictory to each other?


That's because you left it open.
This is ink you know!!
It got every-where!!

BUH
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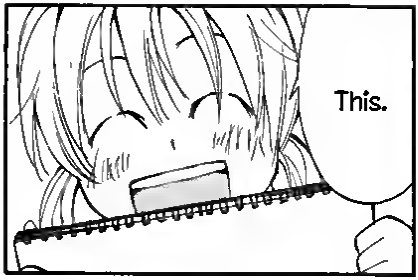
I'M HOME!!


This.

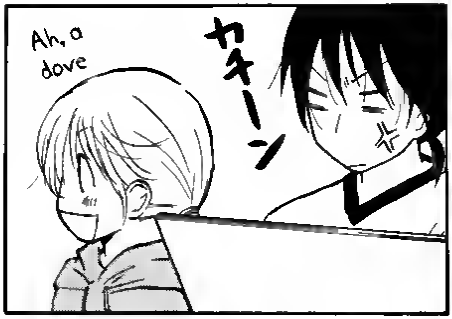
A sketch-book?
My home-work for Arts and Crafts class is to draw a temple.

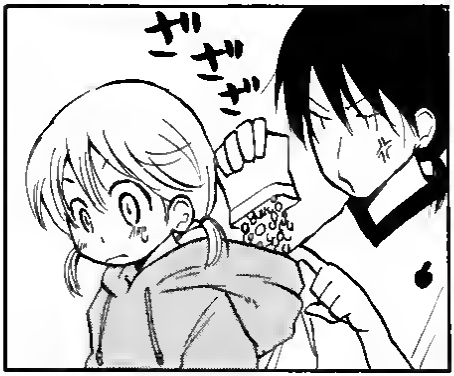
Hey Shin,
I want to ask you some-thing.
It's some-thing I've wanted to talk to you about.
What do you want?

How about a change in scenery?
Yeah...
The deadline for that contest is coming up.
Are you still working on the story-board?

You should draw something like that yourself. I'm busy.
Eehh, c'mon, please help me~

Well, a temple is still hard even for a Kyoto kid.


Ah, a dove
カチーン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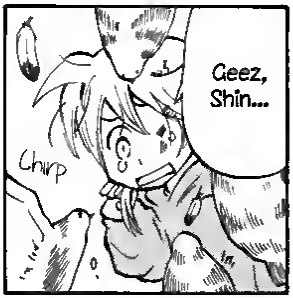
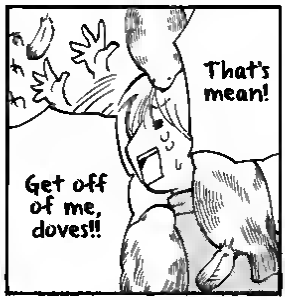
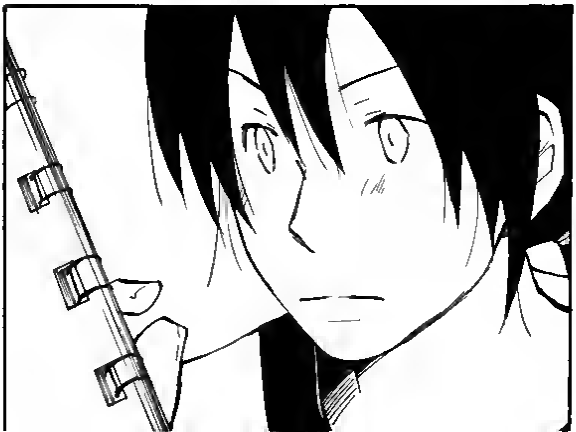
I know, right? Don't look down on this aspiring mangaka.
Amazing! You're sooo good!
The "aspiring" part is kinda sad, though.

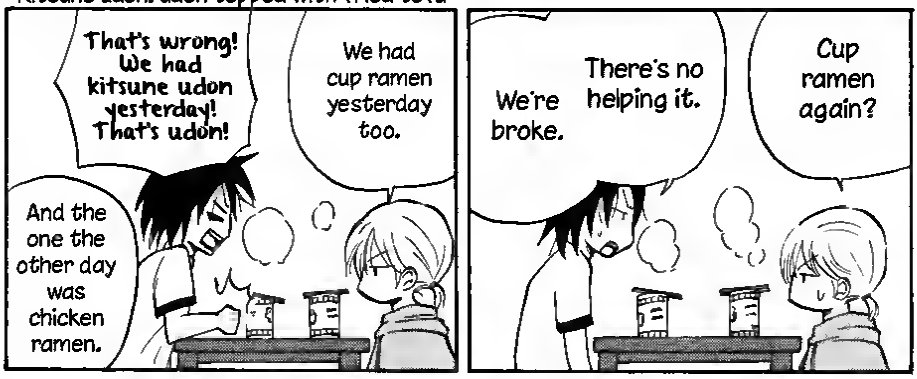

Geez, Shin...
Chirp


That's mean!
Get off of me, doves!!



Heh, looking good!
KYA-AAA-AAA-AAA

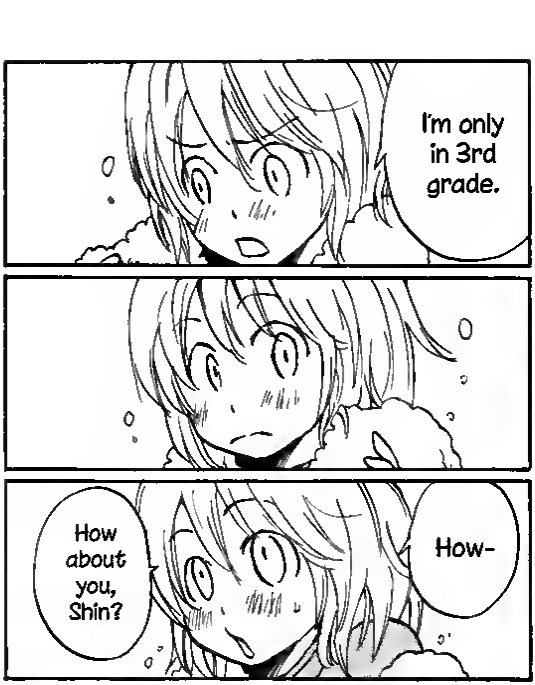
*Kitsune udon: udon topped with fried tofu


That's wrong! We had kitsune udon yesterday! That's udon!
We had cup ramen yesterday too.
And the one the other day was chicken ramen.
We're broke.
There's no helping it.
Cup ramen again?

ごとっ
I want some vege-tables~!!
That's the curry we had 2 months ago or some-thing like that.
We have a pot, but what did you use it for? It's weird.
あーん

*Pilkul: a drink like Yakult

土足厳禁
You know her?
Yeah, she's from my class.
Oh hey, it's Sanjou.
stare
stare
stare
stare
So young
ぐすっ
She's living with her cousin.
Is... is that so...
おはは
はは
Now there's a classmate of yours in there.
Is that fine?
Have a safe trip.
すごい女
Hey, do you like that boy?


I'm only in 3rd grade.
How-
How about you, Shin?

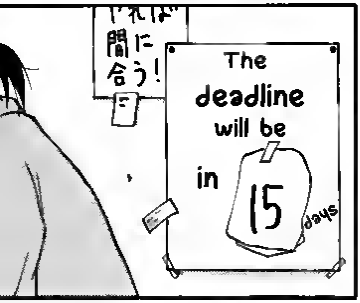
No way!! He's just a normal classmate!!
Hmmm-mmm. But you must at least have someone you like by now.
You're already in 3rd grade.

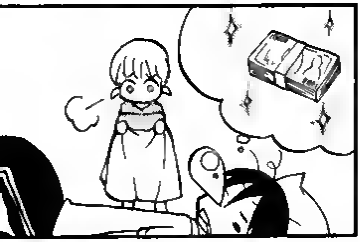
For now, these are my lovers.
Jelly balls
Well, I still don't know whether I should turn around or not.
It's so difficult.
LOVE
NICE!!

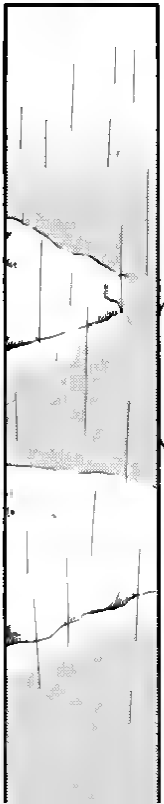
Wouldn't it be nice if you actually got it....

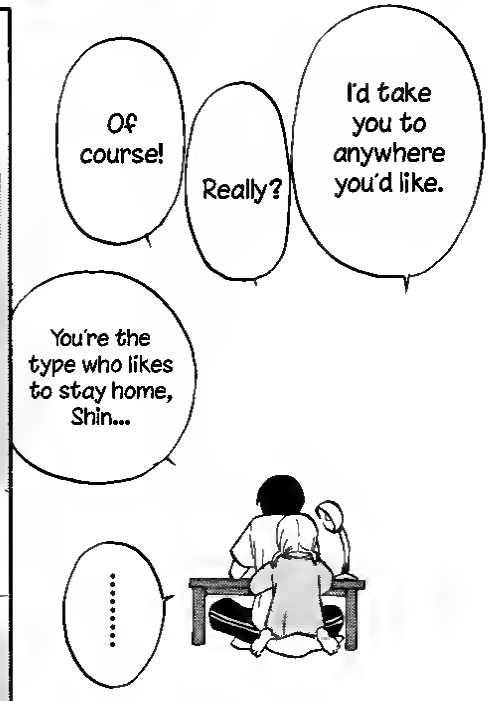
Yeah, it would be nice...

If I was the Judge,
I'd give the reward to you right away.
Haha, thank you.


The deadline will be in 15 days






Of course!
Really?
I'd take you to anywhere you'd like.
You're the type who likes to stay home, Shin...
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しゃっ
カリ
カリ
カリ
Yeah.
Good night.
...No...
...I get it...Yeah...
...The 25th? Why is that?
What they do is their business.
Well, I'm not sure about what Dad thought...

I get it! I don't have any talents, okay!!
I'm hanging up. And don't come here!!
GOOD BYE!
Ahhhhh, what do you mean "it's fine to give up"?
Maybe because these are no good?
The deadline will be in right now days
Or maybe it's because...
I really don't have any talent...

月経のしくみ
~28日
5日間
~
7日間
Feels a bit scary, huh...
3年4組
The boys and girls will have separate PE classes today.
Really? Are you serious?
Seems like "THAT" comes more often the taller you grow...
What if "THAT" suddenly came?
きゃあ
わい
きゃあ
わい
.....

Excuse me, Takatsuji-san.
ttya
ドン
ドン
ガタ
Uhh...
Stay short...
ガタ
ガタ
Covered with a blanket so she won't get any sunlight
Please don't grow...

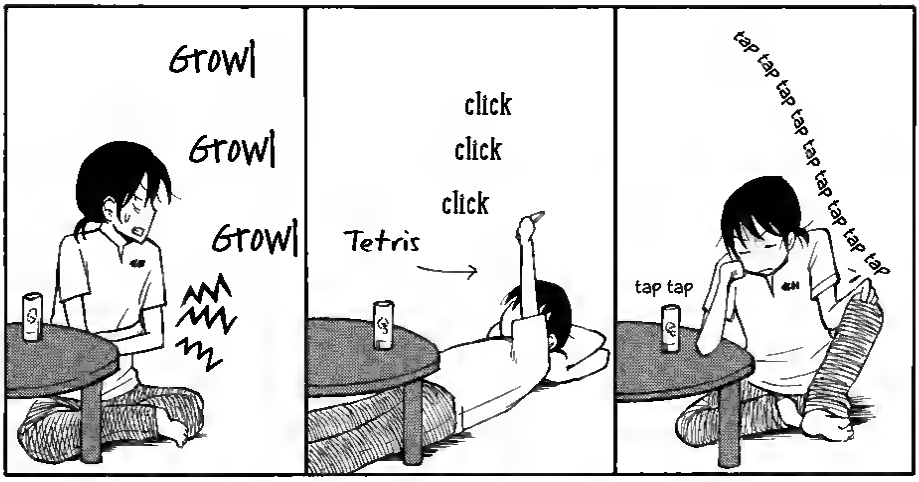
201
I'm home-
Then I'll be on my way.
This is pro-bably...
Sanjou Japanese Clothing Shop
.....!
What's wrong?
Wel-come back.
.....
Looks like he wants to see you wearing one.
This looks expensive. He must've splurged on this one.
Your Dad sent one for this year too huh...
ふわっ

The one this year has some patterns too.
Hm?
This looks kinda short.
Does the size fit you?
The obi will tighten it up,
but it's such a bother to put on.
Beats me...
Ah! Wait!!
What about dinner?
Good night.
Ahha- ahhh, this is unusual.
And I left half of it for her too...
I'll eat it tomorrow
FULL

I'll get in trouble!!
That's impos-sible!
Wait, Uncle!
I'm begging you... It's just for when she's still a child...
My apart-ment is tiny too!!
And Mahiru-chan is a girl, right!?
I'll pay for her upbringing expenses...
I'm in the same spot too...
I'm begging you Shinya-kun, with my life.
I al-ready said...
I will be extremely busy over there, so I can't spare a hand.

How many years will it be until she can come back...?
I don't know...
We are but a small traditional clothing shop.
It depends if we can get into a big department store. I can't say anything this early.
Then why!
Why can't you bring her along!?
カラン
That place...
It's big and ugly.
You probably understand that, right?
I alone cannot protect her from that town.
But I'm still a child right? Financially speaking.
A child looking after another child is...
How many years has it been since you left school, Shinya kun?
Aren't you an especially great adult?

もぞ...
Mmm, hey, you...
Huh...
I understand.
But it's just for when she's still a child.
ごろ
still...
a child, you know...
Uuuu...
I am
ちりん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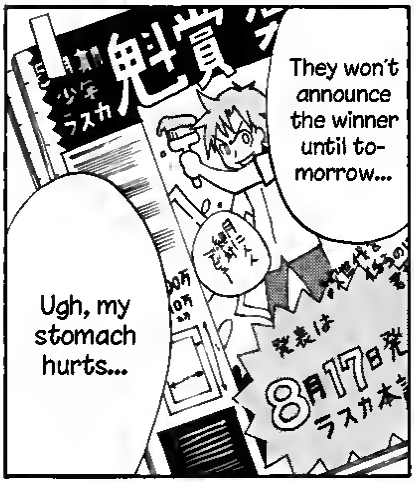
Tetris
tap tap tap tap tap tap tap tap
tap tap


They won't announce the winner until tomorrow...
Ugh, my stomach hurts...
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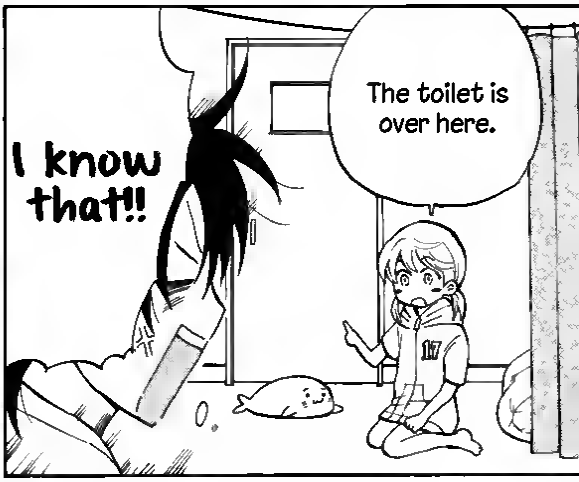
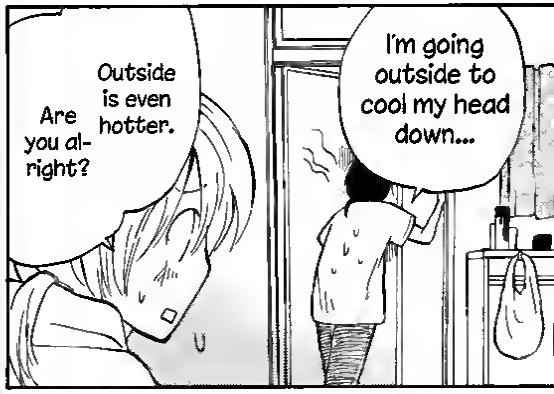

The toilet is over here.
I know that!!


I'm going outside to cool my head down...
Outside is even hotter.
Are you alright?

Ah, good morning.
Ooka-san
I shouldn't have gone out...
Ah, it's hot...
Really
It's hot outside today.
Ahahah, good morning...
That's dange-rous...
Living with a little girl? Unemployed?
The one from Room 201?
Is that the boy you talked about?
What if... I failed this time too...?
.....
When I get my hands on that prize money I'll definitely move out of that apart-ment!
Just wait and see! Bas-tards!!

Useless! I'm reading it first!
Heyyyy, let me see it.
そわそわ
He's so late...
What is he doing?
Page 109, Page 109...
She's fast! Give it back!
Hey you guys, is that this week's Rasuka?
This is an early copy from Kane's house.
No it's not, San-jou.

Hey Sanjou, wait up!
Give it back!!
Eh?
I'll be borrowing his!
Thank you!
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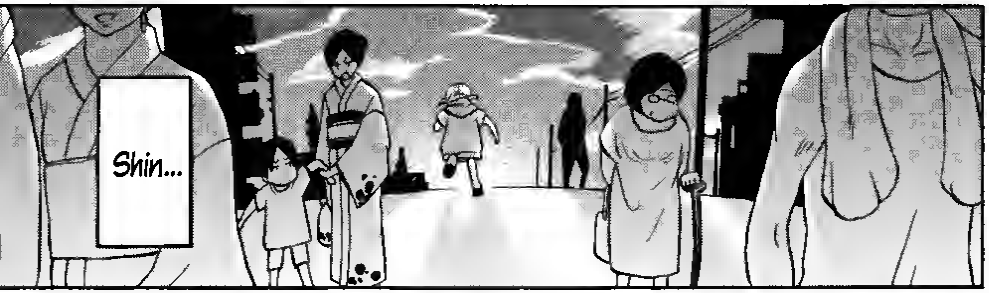
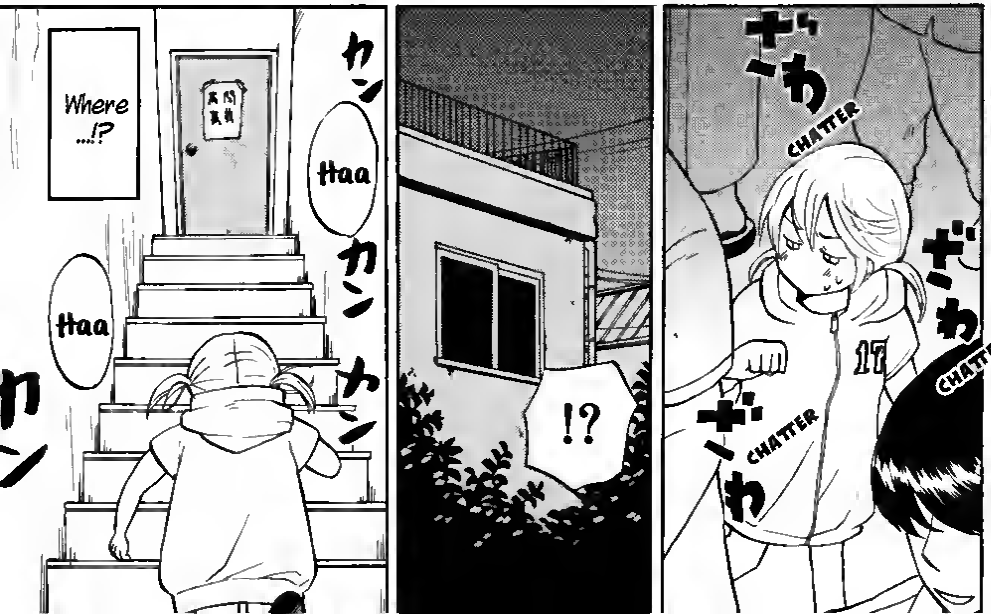

Shin...


Where ...!?
カン
Haa
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!?
ガヤ〜わ
CHATTER
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ガヤ〜わ
CHATTER
17

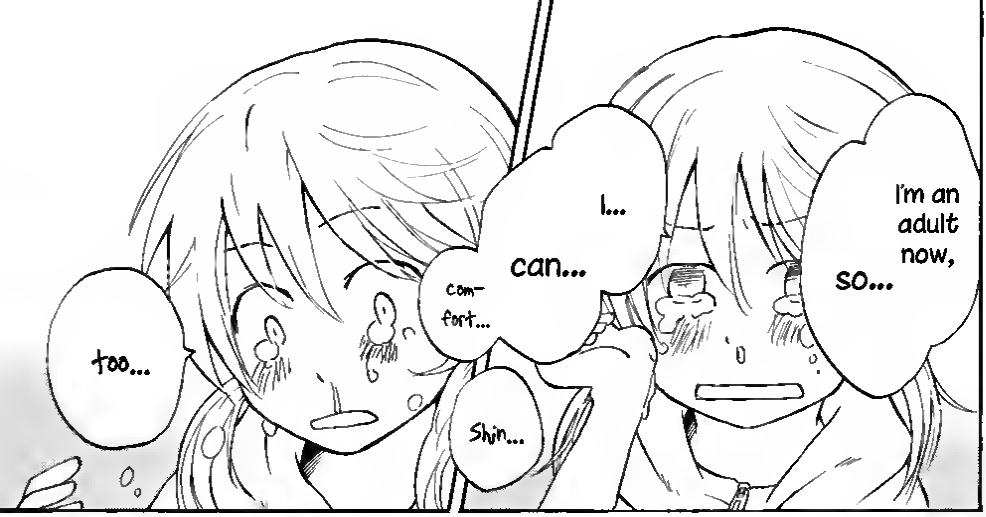
Oh,
Mohiru...
*Daimonji is the huge character "dai" formed by fires lit on the side of a mountain in Kyoto on August 16 each year
NEWCOMER
GENERATION
ELITE
PEOPLE
They're just about to light up the Daimonji...
I knew you'd be here...
Despair
Ah...I will not fall over like life.
This is actually my secret spot...
A toast to Daimonji!!

Dai
(big)
It's fine! I didn't change that much!!
Eh?
You're heavy...
Help push me up.
Hm?
Hey.
Dad said Tokyo has everything and anything.
That's why he went to Tokyo.
Eh?
Let's draw a manga in Tokyo.
Hey, Shin, do you want to go to Tokyo?
I completely forgot about today.
Thanks to Daimonji!
Yeah?

So, want to go...
...to Tokyo?
maybe it has something for Shin too.
Because if it has everything,
That's why...
17
You don't have...
to worry about me...
I'm not going.
Not even coming close to an award.
I'm such a useless human being.
Same tiny income...
It's still the same as 3 years ago.
Going to Tokyo probably won't change anything.

I didn't get to enjoy Daimonji at all.
Thanks to this,
Ahhh, I hate it. I hate this early copy.
I'm sorry for making you see this side of me.
Don't make such a worried face.
Well, that's what I thought,
Is it painful?
I'm not supposed to do that in front of a child.
but it's still painful.
I'm fine.
It's something I've decided for myself.

Why...
Stop calling me a child.
Why is that?
Hey...
I'm not a child anymore.
Separating...
Being alone... That's fine.
You can say anything.
As if
I'm your girlfriend...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so...
I'm an
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Alright.
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Thank
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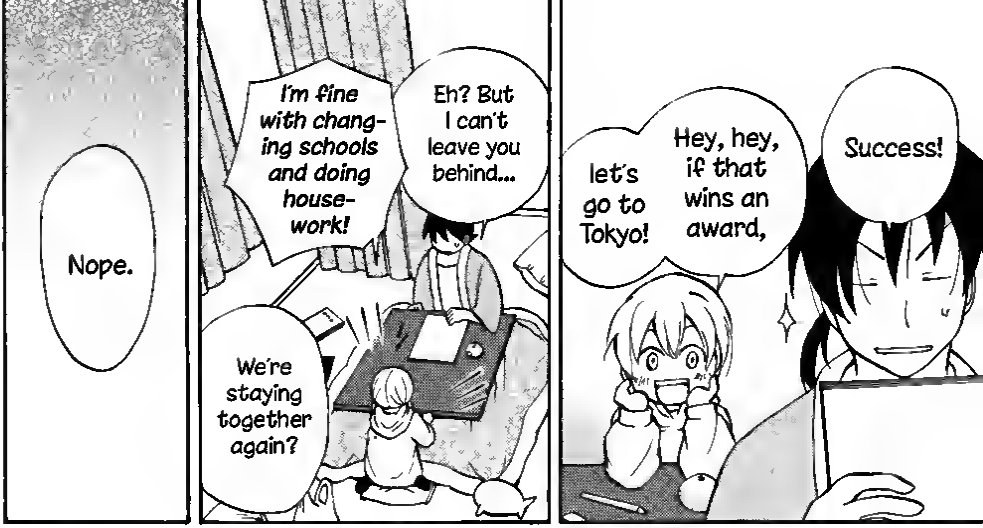
Success!
Hey, hey, if that wins an award,
let's go to Tokyo!
Eh? But I can't leave you behind...
I'm fine with changing schools and doing housework!
We're staying together again?
Nope.

We're not staying together,
We're living together!
Just how serious is she!?
Promise to live together. Complete!!

Yuuyake Rocket Pencil

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